

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 16 and 22 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-27 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted with the appropriate fee on May 23, 2005 and received in the PTO on May 27, 2005. However, the IDS was not acknowledged in the office action. If the IDS is not in the PTO file when the examiner considers this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a duplicate copy may be provided.

The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 22 and 24 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 22 has been rewritten to be in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, so it is believed that claim 22 and 24 are now allowable. Claim 16 also has been rewritten to be in independent form.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikuma (US 4,364,448) in view of Takata (5,226,501). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the reset circuit provides a reset signal to the computer to reset the computer in response to the occurrence of a predetermined traveling condition. As noted in the office action, Ikuma discloses an electronic control device in the form of a programmed computer for controlling a controlled device installed on a bicycle. Takata discloses an electric-motored bicycle wherein a controller (33) controls the power supply to a motor (31). A normally-open switch (39) connects controller (33) to motor (31), wherein switch (39) is controlled by a self-holding circuit (42) disposed within a reverse control circuit (41). Self-holding circuit (42) is set by signals from a torque comparator (43) to close switch (39) when torque applied to the bicycle transmission exceeds a particular value. Self-holding circuit (42) is reset by signals from a speed comparator (44) to open switch (39) when the speed of the bicycle falls below a predetermined value. One of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize self-holding circuit to be a flip-flop or some other bistable device and not a computer. Thus, Takata neither discloses nor suggests

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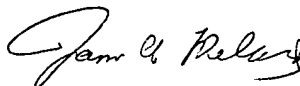
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providing a reset signal to a computer to reset the computer in response to the occurrence of a predetermined traveling condition.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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